

### REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough examination of this application. The Office Action, however, tentatively rejected claims 24-69. Applicants have canceled these claims and added new claims 70-82, to better define certain features of the elected embodiments. The rejections, therefore, have been rendered moot by the addition of new claims 70-82.

To elaborate, independent claims 70 and 77 have been added to more clearly identify novel feature of the elected embodiments. Specifically, claim 70 has been added to recite that an *ultrasonic unit* is disposed in the *reservoir*, and claim 77 has been added to recite that an *ultrasonic unit* is disposed in the *reservoir* and a *heater element* is disposed in the *reservoir* for heating the *dry-film removal solvent*.

Support for these amendments can be found at least in FIG. 1 and FIG. 2 of the drawings. Accordingly, the new claims add no new matter to this application.

The Office Action had rejected the previous claims as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,820,689 to Tseng et al. (hereinafter "Tseng"). New claim 70 recites that an *ultrasonic unit* is disposed in the *reservoir*. A *dry-film* on the surface of the *semiconductor device* (wafer) is removed by ultrasonic vibration of the *ultrasonic unit* and the *dry-film removal solvent*. Tseng teaches a wet chemical treatment system comprising an inner tank and an outer tank. Significantly, there is no disclosure in Tseng of an *ultrasonic unit*, as recited in claim 70 of the present application.

New claim 77 further recites that a *heater element* is disposed in the *reservoir* for heating the *dry-film removal solvent*. In Tseng, there is no disclosure of an *ultrasonic unit* and a *heater element*, as recited in claim 77 of the present application.

As Tseng does not teach all of the limitations recited in independent claims 70 and 77 of the present application, these claims are allowable over Tseng. Insofar as claims 71-76 and 78-82 depend from claims 70 and 77, respectively, these claims are also allowable for at least the same reasons.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this amendment and response. If, however, any fee is deemed to be payable, you are hereby authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 20-0778.

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